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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/942,596) Group Art Unit: 1645
Filed: August 31, 2001)
For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING)
BASE SEQUENCE OF) December 12, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 31, please replace the paragraph beginning and ending on the last line of page 31 with the following paragraph. A marked-up copy of the original paragraph showing the changes thereto is attached.

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REMARKS

This Amendment is to correct a typographical error in the nucleotides of SEQ ID NO. 6. Support for this amendment may be found, inter alia, in Table 1 at page 23

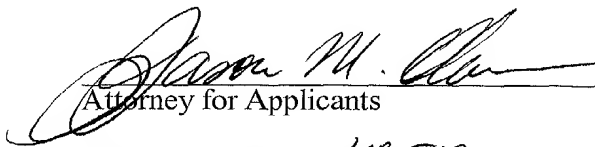
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of the specification. A similar correction has been made in the Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith. No new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present case.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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APPENDIX

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning and ending on the last line of page 31 has been amended as follows:

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